GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT BY DEPUTY PM OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION
SUDARSANA E.M. NATCHIAPPAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister of Russian Federation visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Ilya Klebanov, paid an official visit to India on February 14-15, 2001.

(b) & (c): The visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation was in the tradition of exchange of high-level visits between India and the Russian Federation. Deputy Prime Minister Klebanov held detailed discussions with Raksha Mantri, Finance Minister, Minister of Civil Aviation and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. The discussions related to bilateral military-technical cooperation; trade, economic, scientific, technological and cultural cooperation; cooperation in the civil aviation sector; and exchange of views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. During the visit, an Agreement on Promotion of Aviation Safety between India and the Russian Federation and Agreements relating to the procurement and transfer of technology of 310 T-90S/SK Tanks and Missiles were signed.